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The Goldman School of Public Policy

presents:

David Kirp

“The Secret to Fixing Bad Schools”

Friday, October 4, 2013 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Blum Hall



WHAT would it really take to give students a first-rate education? Some argue that our schools are irremediably broken and that charter schools offer the only solution. The striking achievement of a poor urban school system — bringing poor, mostly immigrant kids into the educational mainstream — argues for reinventing the public schools we have.

Join Professor David Kirp for a fascinating discussion on his latest research and the subject of his new book, *Improbable Scholars: The Rebirth of a Great American School System and a Strategy for America's Schools*.

David L. Kirp is the James D. Marver Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy. He is a former newspaper editor and lawyer as well as an academic. In his seventeen books and scores of articles in both the popular press and scholarly journals, he has tackled some of America’s biggest social problems, including affordable housing, access to health, race and gender discrimination and AIDS. His main focus has been on education and children’s policy, spanning the age range from cradle to college and career. He has worked with policymakers at all levels of government and served on President Obama’s 2008 Transition Team.